



## **Marine Safety Information Bulletin**

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### **Waterway Openings and Restrictions Gulf Intracoastal Waterway**

**Nighttime restriction is lifted. Tow size and horsepower restrictions remain in effect.**

The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway from mile 290 (West Port Arthur Bridge) to High Island (mile 319), is open to traffic with the following tow size\* and horsepower restrictions in effect for transiting the West Port Arthur Bridge. These restrictions pertain **ONLY TO WESTBOUND TOWS** and are necessary because of the unusually strong currents at the bridge post-hurricane Ike:

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| Tows up to 400' long x up to 54' wide: | No Restrictions             |
| Tows up to 400' long x up to 70' wide: | 1200 hp plus assist vessel. |
| Tows up to 600' long x up to 54' wide: | 1200 hp plus assist vessel. |
| Tows up to 600' long x up to 70' wide: | 1600 hp plus assist vessel. |

\* Tow size does NOT include the towing vessel.

**This notice will be posted on the HOMEPOR**T** website <http://homeport.uscg.mil>. If you have any questions, please call MSU Port Arthur at (409) 723-6500.**

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